--- “Series of 1880” - Division “Open” - [A 26] - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/20th pound - Type III - *lithographed* in RED on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- perforated 12 - 135 x 15 mm. - 4 mm. blue controls - 100% scale ---

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John McKay records that 289,000 *lithographed* copies of “**Not more than 1-20th, Red, Cigarettes**” were ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Apparently he has grouped the 1/20th pound Type III Division “Open” and Division “Specific” red strips.

★**RC-31** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open”, [**A 26**], perforated 12, control # **006647**,
on *vertical* mesh *block watermarked* wove paper

000014★	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
000028★	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
002004★	RC-31 CP	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters
006015	RC-31a	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked - missed the watermark
006017	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006045	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006399	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006403	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006427	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006469★	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006481	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006495	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006496	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006518	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006534	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006535★	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006549	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006561	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006571★	RC-31a	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked - missed the watermark
006638	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006647★	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006648	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006652	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006671	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006699	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006708	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006727	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
006736	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
036007	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
036031★	RC-31a	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked - missed the watermark
036061	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked
036076	RC-31	1/20th pound, perforated, block watermarked

The *unwatermarked* strips have simply missed the sheet *block watermark*, and are actually **RC-31** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” [**A 26**], red, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - and only appear to be *unwatermarked*.

★**RC-31a** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open”, [**A 26**], perforated 12, control # **036031**,
a copy of the *unwatermarked* **C-186** - this strip has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*

★**RC-31n** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 26**], red, *without* control numbering, perforated 12,
lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - appears to be *unwatermarked*

★**RC-31 CP** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 26**], red, control **002004**, perforated 12,
lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a suspect stamping

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★**RC-31n** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 26**], red, *without* control numbering, perforated 12,
lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

★**RC-31n CP** - 1/20th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 26**], red, *without* control numbering, perforated 12,
lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - a suspect stamping

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★ 1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [**A 26**], red, *without* control numbering, *imperforate*, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - a pair

★ 1/20th pound, Division "Open" - [**A 26**], red, *without* control numbering, *imperforate*, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - appears to be *unwatermarked* a copy of the *unwatermarked* strip which has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the *imperforate* Lee Brandom 1/20th pound Division "Open" on *block watermarked* vertical mesh paper. I can see no legitimate reason for the *control-numbered* existence of *imperforate* strips. Perhaps they had been control numbered, prior to the perforation process, and are simply unfinished remnants.

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the imperforate Lee Brandom 1/20th pound Division "Open" lithographed on *unwatermarked* paper m - **WANTED** if truly on *horizontal mesh unwatermarked* wove paper. This is probably a copy with a *vertical mesh*, which has simply missed the *block watermark* on the sheet.

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